

# Blast Permitting

The Requirements

1. In accordance with City Code § 25-12-172 LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO FIRE CODE.
- 105.6.14.1 Blasting.** An operational permit is required to use explosives or blasting agents at a named location for a named period. See also Chapter 33.
- Class A: 45 days
  - Class B: 120 days
  - Class C: 1 year
  - Class D: 10 days
2. **3301.2.6 License required.** The fire code official may in the interest of public safety require that the persons engaged in the use of explosives meet specific licensing requirements (see Section 3301.9) as a condition of the permit.
3. **3301.2.7 Permit application.** To obtain a permit the licensed blaster must file with the fire code official an application in writing on a form to be furnished by the fire code official. Each application must describe the proposed work, the location of the work, and the other pertinent information as may be required.
4. **3301.4 Qualifications.** Persons in charge of magazines, blasting, fireworks display, or pyrotechnic special effect operations shall not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs which impair sensory or motor skills, shall be at least 21 years of age, and shall demonstrate knowledge of all safety precautions related to the storage, handling or use of explosives, explosive materials or fireworks. Persons actively involved in or responsible for blasting, fireworks displays, or the production of pyrotechnic special effects or displays shall meet all applicable federal, state and local license requirements for the work or activity being performed.

**Potential Agency Involvement:**

1. Austin Police Department
2. Austin Fire Department
3. Emergency Medical Services
4. Department of Public Safety
5. Downtown Austin Alliance

